

MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTER'S GUILD
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
January, 2006 - CORRECTED

January is the month most identified with snow and ice, so for this month, the colors represent snow and ice – blue and white. The block is one that I have avoided – thinking that it was more complicated than I wanted to tackle. How wrong I was!!! The “Monkey Wrench” or “Snail’s Trail” block is really quite easy – it just *looks* complicated so let’s give it a try.

You need only two fabrics – one white and one blue. Because the pieces are triangles with lots of exposed bias edges, I recommend that you use a little spray starch on the fabrics and handle the cut pieces with care so they don’t warp out of shape.

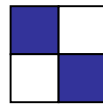
This makes a 12” block

CUTTING:

From each color cut one each: 6-7/8” square, 5-1/4” square, 3-7/8” square Cut each square in half diagonally.
From each color cut two each: 2-5/8” squares

ASSEMBLY: All seams are 1/4”

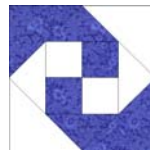
- 1.) Sew the 2-5/8” squares together, making a 4-patch:



**This is where the correction is. Be sure to place the triangles as shown here (Dark triangle has light square on left and dark square on right). Continue keeping dark on right side of dark triangle base.

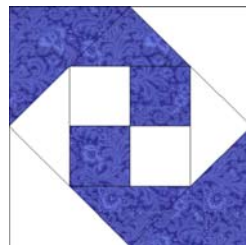


- 2.) Stitch the 3-7/8” blue triangles to opposite sides of the 4-patch Press seams to center
Stitch the 3-7/8” white triangles to the other sides of the 4-patch, pressing seams toward the outside edge.
- 3.) Repeat step 2 with the 5-1/4” triangles again pressing the 1st set of seams to the center and the 2nd set to the outside.



- 4.) Finally, complete the block by repeating step 2 with the 6-7/8” triangles and pressing as noted.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have just made the Monkey Wrench block. Now wasn’t that easy?



This block is for the January meeting. The Christmas Tree is our block for December .

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